

APPENDIX 2
WAC 480-120-560: Washington Collocation Rules

WAC 480-120-560 Collocation. (1) Definitions.

"CLEC" means a competing local exchange carrier that orders collocation from an ILEC.

"Collocation" means the ability of a CLEC to place equipment, including microwave equipment, within or upon an ILEC's premises.

"Deliver" or "delivery date" means the point when the ILEC turns the collocation space and related facilities over to the CLEC and the space and facilities are ready for service. Deliver or delivery includes, but is not necessarily limited to, providing the CLEC with access to the collocation space for collocation other than virtual collocation, as well as providing power, telephone service, and other services and facilities ordered by the CLEC for provisioning by the delivery date.

"ILEC" means an incumbent local exchange carrier that is required to provide collocation.

"ILEC premises" means an ILEC wire center, central office, or any other location owned and/or controlled by the ILEC at which interconnection with the ILEC's network or access to ILEC unbundled network elements is technically feasible.

"Points of interface (POI)" means the demarcation between the networks of an ILEC and a CLEC. The POI is the point where the exchange of traffic takes place.

(2) ILEC response to CLEC order for collocation. Within ten calendar days of receipt of an order for collocation, an ILEC must notify the CLEC whether sufficient space exists in the ILEC premises to accommodate the CLEC's collocation requirements. As part of that notification, the ILEC must also notify the CLEC of any circumstance that may delay delivery of the ordered collocation space and related facilities.

(3) Provisioning collocation. If the ILEC notifies a CLEC that sufficient space exists to accommodate the CLEC's order for collocation, the following procedures apply:

(a) Within twenty-five calendar days of receipt of the order, the ILEC must provide the CLEC with a written quote detailing the nonrecurring and recurring charges applicable to provisioning the ordered collocation. After providing the written quote and upon reasonable notice of a request by the CLEC, the ILEC must permit the CLEC at least one accompanied site visit to the designated collocation space without charge to the CLEC, to enable the CLEC to verify and inspect the space the ILEC offers for collocation. The CLEC's acceptance of the written quote and payment of one-half of the nonrecurring charges specified in the quote must be within seven calendar days and does not preclude the CLEC from later disputing the accuracy or reasonableness of those charges.

(b) If the ordered collocation space was included in a periodic forecast submitted by the CLEC to the ILEC at least three months in advance of the order, the ILEC must complete construction of, and deliver, the ordered collocation space and related facilities within forty-five calendar days after the CLEC's acceptance of the written quote and payment of one-half of the nonrecurring charges specified in the quote.

(c) If the ordered collocation space was not included in a periodic forecast submitted by the CLEC to the ILEC at least three months in advance of the order, the Commission declines to apply the forty-five calendar day interval in (3)(b) and the national standards adopted by the FCC shall apply.

(d) Following any initial notification as required in section (2) above, the ILEC must notify the CLEC of any change in circumstances as soon as the ILEC is aware of those circumstances and must take all reasonable steps to avoid or minimize any delays caused by those circumstances, including but not limited to joint provisioning of collocation elements by the ILEC and CLEC, or sole construction by the CLEC, through a mutually acceptable third party contractor.

(e) If the ILEC fails to deliver the collocation space by the required delivery date, the ILEC must credit the CLEC in an amount equal to one-tenth of the total nonrecurring charge for the ordered collocation for each week beyond the required delivery date. Recurring charges will not begin to accrue for any element until the ILEC delivers that element to the CLEC. To the extent that a CLEC self-provisions any collocation element, the ILEC may not impose any charges for provisioning that element.

(f) The ILEC must provide periodic notices to the CLEC during construction of the CLEC's collocation space, including scheduled completion and delivery dates. At least thirty calendar days prior to the scheduled delivery date, the ILEC must provide the CLEC with sufficient information to enable the ILEC and the CLEC to establish firm Common Language Location Identifier (CLLI) codes and any other codes necessary to order interconnection and cross-connection circuits for the equipment the CLEC intends to collocate, and the ILEC must accept and process CLEC orders for such circuits. The ILEC must provision points of interface (POIs) and other circuits concurrent with delivery of the collocation space and related facilities, unless the CLEC agrees to a later date.

(g) The ILEC must conduct an inspection with the CLEC of the collocation space at least five business days prior to completion of construction of the collocation space. The ILEC must correct any deviations to the CLEC's original or jointly amended requirements after the inspection, at the ILEC's sole expense.

(h) Upon order of the CLEC and concurrent with delivery of the collocation space and related facilities, the ILEC must provide basic telephone service to the collocation space under the rates, terms, and conditions of the ILEC's current tariff or price list offering for the service ordered. The ILEC must also provide CLEC employees, contractors, and representatives with reasonable access to basic facilities, such as restroom facilities and parking, while at the ILEC premises.

(4) Denial of order for collocation. If the ILEC notifies a CLEC that insufficient space exists to accommodate the CLEC's order for collocation, the following procedures apply:

(a) As part of its notification of lack of space, the ILEC must notify the CLEC if any space is available for collocation and, if so, how much space is available. The ILEC must also verify that the ILEC cannot reclaim space for collocation by consolidating or removing inactive or underutilized equipment.

(b) The ILEC must permit the CLEC to tour the ILEC premises within fourteen calendar days of the CLEC's written request.

(c) If the CLEC notifies the ILEC that it contests the denial of an order for collocation, the ILEC must, within twenty-five calendar days of the notification, file a petition asking the Commission to determine that the space requested by the CLEC is not available. Upon request and execution of an appropriate confidentiality agreement, the ILEC must also provide a copy of the petition to the CLEC. The ILEC must prepare the petition at its sole expense, and the petition must include the following information:

(i) Central Office CLLI, where applicable;

(ii) Ordering CLEC, including the amount of space sought by the CLEC;

(iii) Written inventory of active, inactive, and underutilized equipment, including the signatures of ILEC personnel certifying the accuracy of the information provided;

(iv) Color-coded floor plans that identify office space work areas, provide spatial dimensions to calculate the square footage for each area, and locate inactive and underutilized equipment;

(v) Narrative of the central office floor space use;

(vi) Total amount of space occupied by interconnecting collocators for the sole purpose of interconnection;

(vii) Total amount of space occupied by third parties for purposes other than interconnection, and a narrative of the space use;

(viii) The number of central office employees employed and job titles;

(ix) Description of central office renovation/expansion plans and time frames for completion;

(x) Description of conversion of administrative, maintenance, equipment, and storage space plans and timeframes for completion; and

(xi) Description of any internal policies for conversion of administrative, maintenance, equipment, and storage space in central offices.

(d) The Commission will decide any petition filed under subsection (4)(c) through an expedited proceeding conducted in accordance with the relevant procedural requirements and time lines established in WAC 480-09-530. The ILEC bears the burden to prove to the Commission that the ordered collocation is not practical for technical reasons or because of space limitations. The ILEC may be relieved of its obligation to provide collocation at a particular ILEC premises only to the extent expressly provided by Commission order.

(e) Each ILEC must maintain a list of all of its central offices in Washington in which insufficient space exists to accommodate one or more types of collocation. The list must specify which types of collocation are unavailable in each office and whether the Commission has approved the ILEC's denial of collocation in that office. The ILEC must post this list on its publicly accessible web site and provide a copy of the list to any CLEC upon request. The ILEC must update this list within ten business days of (i) denying a CLEC's order for collocation; (ii) the service date of any order from the Commission approving or disapproving such a denial; (iii) providing notice to CLECs previously denied collocation that space has become available in a central office; or (iv) obtaining knowledge through any other means that space for one or more types of collocation is no longer available or has become available in a particular central office.

(f) Each ILEC must maintain for each central office a waiting list of all unfilled orders for collocation space and the date of each order. After an ILEC has announced that one or more types of collocation space are not available in an office, any CLEC may submit a letter of intent to order collocation space in lieu of a collocation order, and this letter of intent must be included on the waiting list. If space for collocation becomes available in any central office, the ILEC must inform all CLECs that ordered collocation or submitted a letter of intent to order collocation, of the availability of that space and must provide each such CLEC with fifteen calendar days to renew its original collocation order. The ILEC must provision collocation to these CLECs on a first-come, first-served basis according to the dates on which each ordered collocation or submitted a letter of intent to collocate in that central office.

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